

The Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners met via teleconference on October 5, 2004 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Room 310, Macon, Georgia for the purpose of conducting business.

Members Present:

- David A. Wren, D.C., President.
- Karen Mathiak, D.C.
- J. Craig Patterson, D.C.

Absent:

- Patrick Sallarulo, D.C.
- James Anchors, D.C., Vice President.

Others Present:

Jacqueline A. Hightower, Executive Director, Yvonne LeSane, Board Secretary, Ajay Gohil, Assistant Attorney General

President Wren established that a quorum was not present, and called the Committee Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES:

ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC: Dr. Wren received a flyer for a continuing education course on animal adjustments. The committee considers the practice of chiropractics on animals is beyond the chiropractic scope of practice.

Dr. Patterson moved and Dr. Mathiak seconded and the committee recommended referring the issue to the Veterinary Board.

Ms. Hightower discussed that the current Continuing Education pre-approval process is that staff approves all courses provided by approved providers as in Board rules. All other courses are referred to the President of the Board for approval.

Dr. Patterson moved and Dr. Mathiak seconded and the committee recommended Dr. Wren review and approve courses. Dr. Wren will discuss with Ms. Hightower the courses he has in his possession.

OUT OF STATE PEER REVIEWERS:

Dr. Mathiak moved and Dr. Patterson seconded and the committee recommended Dr. Anchors and Dr. Mathiak review Peer Reviewers guidelines and present to the Board November 18, 2004 meeting.

LOW LEVEL LASERS:

Dr. Mathiak discussed Low Level Lasers and whether the practice is within the chiropractic scope.

Dr. Mathiak moved and Dr. Patterson seconded and the committee recommended Dr. Anchors and Dr. Mathiak review Low Level Lasers and present to the Board at the November 18, 2004 meeting.

RENEWALS/FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS:

Ms. Hightower presented the following information on upcoming renewals:

- On-line renewals;
- Post cards will be sent;
- No Renewal ID number used;
- Renewing on-line requires: Credit card, social security number and license number;
- Application for paper renewal has to be requested by licensee;
- Letters have been sent on Federal Student Loan Default, and
- Newsletter to be completed as soon as possible.

RECORDS RELEASE:

Ms. Hightower indicated that the rule for records release can best be handled through legal services.

UPDATES:

Dr. Patterson discussed an out of state Peer Review complaint.

Dr. Mathiak advised the committee she has contacted the Governors Office on appointment of a Consumer Member for the Board.

Dr. Mathiak was given an update on case number CHIR040046.

Dr. Wren discussed case number CHIR030006.

Dr. Wren requested 5-6 patient records on CHIR040036.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS DURING RENEWAL:

Licenses are randomly selected for Continuing Education Audit. The Board handles the audit through a committee.

Dr. Mathiak moved and Dr. Patterson seconded and the Committee recommended the Board form a Committee for this task.

Minutes prepared by: Yvonne LeSane, Board Secretary

Reviewed/Edited by: Jacqueline A. Hightower, Executive Director

David A. Wren, D.C.
Board President

Mollie L. Fleeman
Division Director